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ROANOKE RAPIDS PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. Ivey Mohorn has accepted a position with Harrison & Thomas.

The friends of Lewis N. Taylor are glad to see him on our streets again. Mr. Taylor suffered a severe attack of influenza while visiting his parents at Oxford.

Mr. Gaines Thomas, who is a student at the University of medicine in Richmond, was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Thomas.

Miss Mabel Fourham, of Baltimore, has arrived to take charge of B. Marks Millinery Department.

Mrs. W. S. Hancock and son Allen, spent Wednesday in Littleton with relatives.

Rev. Stanley White spent several days in Richmond this week.

Dr. D. F. Patchin has returned from New York to spend some time here.

Mr. Bruce Tillery is spending some time here in the home of his parents.

Mr. Francis F. Patterson spent several days in Charlotte this week visiting friends and relatives.

Messrs. Whitehurst, Ivey Moore and Irvin Pender, of Tarboro, spent Sunday here with friends.

Miss Fannie Towe is spending some time here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Towe.

Misses Verna Davenport and Alma Grooms, of Richmond, spent the week-end here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones.

Mr. Witherspoon has accepted a position with the National Loan and Insurance Company.

Mr. F. C. Williams spent the week-end in Franklin with his parents.

Mr. J. B. Edmonds is visiting relatives in Henderson this week.

Mr. F. M. Coburn and Harry C. Shell spent several days in Lynchburg and Richmond this week on business.

Mr. Herbert Brantley has accepted a position with Roanoke Pharmacy.

The Roanoke Rapids Mothers Club will meet next Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock with Mrs. J. W. House.

WITH THE CHURCHES

Presbyterian Church
Rev. Stanley White, Pastor
Miss Julia Thompson Organist

Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
No further services on Sunday.

All Saints Church
(Episcopal)
Rev. Lewis N. Taylor, Rector
Roanoke Avenue

Next Sunday is the second Sunday in Lent.
Services 7:30 Holy Communion.

9:45 Church School and Adult's Bible Class, T. W. Mullen, Supt.
Divine services 11 and 7:30.
Lenten Services on Tuesday afternoon 4:30. Friday night at 8. Rev. E. W. Baxter, rector of Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, special preacher.
The Church with a Welcome.

METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Eugene C. Few Pastor

Sunday Feb. 29, 1920.
Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.
W. V. Woodruff, Supt.
Preaching services 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:30 o'clock.
Both regular attendants and visitors receive a full welcome.

MR. T. J. ROOK DIES SUDDENLY

A Victim Of Acute Indigestion Was Probably Community's Oldest Resident Prominent Planter and Merchant

Mr. T. J. Rook died suddenly at his home near here early Wednesday morning, of acute indigestion. His death came as a great shock to his friends and acquaintances throughout the county.

Mr. Rook was probably the oldest resident in this community. He came to our county many years ago from Virginia, and soon became prominent in agricultural and mercantile circles. Being industrious and possessing sound business judgment he accumulated much of worldly value and retired from active business several years ago.

Deceased was married twice. First to a Mrs. Palmer who died several years ago. A few years ago he married Miss Nora Branch, who together with an adopted son, survive him. He was in his 78th year.

His remains will be interred today at the Rook Home place. Revs. Lance and Few conducting the services. The following have been invited to act as pall bearers. Messrs. J. K. Dickens, Dr. S. B. Pierce, W. A. Pierce, Wells D. Tillery, E. B. Glover, Robt. Vincent, C. A. Wyche, J. M. Jackson. Mr. Rook was for a long time a member of the First Methodist Church of Roanoke Rapids and a faithful attendant and worker.

MISS LIZZIE DALTON RUN OVER BY AUTO

Miss Lizzie Dalton, a member of the school faculty, was very painfully injured last Saturday at noon in an auto accident at the intersection of Roanoke Avenue and Second street.

Miss Dalton, while attempting to cross the street, was knocked down and run over by the car of Mr. Jack Williams, supt. of the Roanoke Fibre Board Co. The accident seems hard to explain. Eye witnesses state that Mr. Williams was not running fast when the accident occurred. The small bone of one of Miss Dalton's ankles was broken and bruised. She was taken immediately to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital where her injuries received the proper attention. We understand that Miss Dalton is getting along as nicely as could be expected.

INFLUENZA IN COUNTY IS STILL ON THE INCREASE

There was reported during the past week 354 cases of influenza in this county, making a total of 714 cases reported up to the end of the past week. With 11 cases of pneumonia reported during the past week making a total of 28 cases of pneumonia reported during the epidemic.

As a general rule the majority of cases are people who did not have flu last year, where they did have it last year it is as a rule a milder type of flu.

A great many people are making good their opportunity to take the Pneumonia Saline Vaccine furnished by the Army Medical school, and the State Laboratory of Hygiene. It can be had from the County Health Department, Weldon.

P. C. Carter
County Health Officer

Notice to the Public

This is to notify all persons that I have sold my interest in the partnership of Cook & Warren.

This the 24th day of February, 1920.

Roger Warren

SEABOARD OFFICIALS REFUSE TO OBEY ORDERS OF CORPORATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of Making Crossing at Roanoke Junction Safe for Traffic Efforts of Several Prominent Citizens and Officials of The Herald Seem to be Wasted

Doubts Commission's Authority While Road is Under Federal Control

This Excuse Will be Eliminated First. Prompt Action Now Should Bring Results. Write the Corporation Commission Urging Prompt Action

POWELLTOWN ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cook spent Sunday at Jackson with relatives.

South Rosemary School celebrated George Washington's birthday with an interesting program Friday morning at chapel. Misses Cherry, Leatherwood and Williams were guests. Several school patrons were present also.

Miss Burwell Patterson is ill at her home in Littleton.

Miss Mamie Fulgham called in Powelltown this week.

Mrs. Powell's kitchen was the scene of a candy stew and pull Saturday evening. Several Powelltown young people pulled candy with the teachers.

Many new cases of influenza have been reported this week, but few pneumonia cases.

Mr. Doe Hux and son, of Norfolk, Va., were guests of Mr. Jerry Hockaday this week.

Mr. L. A. Daniel has sold his garage to Messrs. Root and Davis.

MARCH TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT CONVENES ON 15TH

The March term of the Superior Court of Halifax will convene on Monday, March the 15th, with Judge Devins presiding. The court promises to be of short duration however, as Clerk Gary told the writer Thursday that there were only two criminal cases on docket so far with the jail empty and that the civil docket was very light.

The following is a list of Jurors drawn for the term.

First Week—K. M. Collins, S. W. Stansberry, A. B. Pope, J. O. Manning, W. L. Hancock, J. B. Dickens, W. E. Marks, J. A. Patterson, R. P. Bradley, R. B. Parker, P. O. Petway, A. J. Staton, S. T. Holland, P. S. Bellamy, R. F. Shaw, L. V. Braswell, J. S. Stanbury, J. R. Powers, J. M. Aycock, D. L. Johnson, Joe Shearin, N. L. Stedman, J. W. Leggett, Percy Johnson, W. M. Hancock, J. L. Moore, N. W. Manning, Man Shaw, B. B. Higgins, W. J. Collins, I. D. Wood, H. A. Pope, J. L. Barclay, W. A. Pearce, J. R. Powell.

Second Week—J. H. Medford, J. L. Bass, C. F. Barkley, A. F. Staton, C. I. Lawrence, L. B. Boseman, W. I. Barnes, W. G. Shearin, T. C. Williams, E. D. Purnell, T. H. Vanlandingham, E. A. Walston, T. W. Jenkins, M. W. Perry, W. D. Lawrence, I. C. Parker, J. W. Staton, J. F. White.

INCOME TAX AGENT HERE

Mr. Moye, of the U. S. Treasury Department is in town for the purpose of giving aid to those who wish it in making their income tax returns for 1919. Mr. Moye can be seen at the First National Bank.

Canada's Coal Regions.

Canada has the only two coal regions on the coasts of North America. The bituminous coal of Nova Scotia is estimated to last 700 years; that of Vancouver Island has been operated since 1880.

For many years the people of this community have been aware of the menace to life and property caused by the unguarded crossing of Roanoke Avenue and the Seaboard Railway at Roanoke Junction. About six months ago several prominent citizens of our community and officials of The Herald brought this menace to the attention of the State Corporation Commission and were told by a member of the commission that it had ordered an electrical signal or watchman to be placed at this crossing.

Regardless of this order, this crossing is still unguarded, while there are many crossings in small Virginia towns with not one-fifth of the traffic that passes Roanoke Junction guarded by gates. We asked for an explanation of this discrimination but received none.

In order that our people may know the results of the efforts made by the Herald we publish the following letter from the corporation commission.

Mr. F. M. Shute, Manager, Herald Publishing Company, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th inst., in regard to your letter of January 26th, you are advised that the commission has had the matter of the Roanoke Avenue crossing at Roanoke Rapids Junction up with Mr. Stanly of Atlanta and he was to have been here early in this month and the date of his engagement has been deferred because of his wife's serious illness. Answer to your letter has been deferred because it was thought possible that the Commission would be able to advise you just what had been done after conference with Mr. Stanly, a Mr. Stanly requesting to be heard before the Commission took any further action in the matter.

You will recall that the Commission ordered a watchman or electric signal placed there some time ago and for some reason or other unknown to the Commission certain officials of this railroad company have some doubt as to this while the roads are under Federal control, but it is thought that the matter will be finally settled within a very short time at least not later than Mr. Stanly's visit to this office.

If the Commission gives a public hearing in the matter you will be notified in order that you may be represented, or if Mr. Stanly should bring anything before the Commission which would have a tendency to alter the former order you will also be notified before action is taken.

Respectfully,
R. O. Self
Clerk.

SELLS INTEREST TO MR. COOK

Mr. Roger Warren on last Monday sold his interest in the partnership of Cook and Warren to Mr. S. C. Cook, the other member of the same. The business will be continued by Mr. Cook at the same stand.

We understand Mr. Warren will go with the Weldon Grocery Company as travelling salesman.

RURAL SURVEY OF VITAL IMPORTANCE

Religious Statistics Are Secured From County To Be Used By Local Churches

HEARTY CO-OPERATION ASKED

Information To Be Gathered In Every Part Of The County According To Communities Will Have Large Significance

The rural survey department of the Interchurch World Movement has been organized to assemble information and analyze conditions from a religious standpoint in every county in the state, according to J. A. J. Brock, rural survey supervisor for the state of South Carolina, with headquarters at 904 National Loan and Exchange Bank Building, Columbia, S. C.

In order for the churches of a community to carry on their work of evangelizing the territory in which they are situated and to contribute their share towards the complete evangelization of the world, which is the ideal in every Christian heart, it is necessary that the actual conditions which exist in each county be discovered. Because of the vital importance of this work, the movement is calling upon the pastors of all denominations and others who are informed relative to religious conditions to render all the assistance possible towards the completion of the work. This information, after being tabulated by experts, is taken back to the counties, where the several Protestant denominations with churches in the county co-operatively study it and decide on the county's church needs. Recommendations are made by the county churches of each denomination that so desires, to the denominational home mission, Sunday school and other boards so that these boards can co-operate intelligently and effectively with the local county church organizations.

The Interchurch World Movement is attempting to do its work on a democratic basis. It is neither dictating nor attempting to dictate to any church or denomination what shall be done. The denominations in each county must decide unanimously among themselves on any joint county program for church betterment before it is adopted or undertaken with the co-operation of the Interchurch World Movement. The survey department is designed to help build up and meet the needs of the local churches through the local and county denominational interests.

An Interchurch World Movement survey of a county develops facts as to the county's geographical location and the general character of its agricultural, commercial and industrial life, its road system and means of intercommunication, public school system and other educational institutions, welfare and benevolent institutions, engaged in public service for the entire county.

Accompanying a general survey of a county is a more detailed survey of each community, a community being regarded as a unit of territory and population characterized by common economic and social experiences and interests.

The community survey designates the outline and location of the community on information acquired from storekeepers, bankers and other informed persons. Territory not definitely included within the limits of any trade community is considered in connection with the communities to which it is contiguous and to which it is most closely related. Thus no area is omitted in the enumeration of population and other statistical information. The survey takes account of the community's economic conditions, such as natural resources, chief sources of income, soil, climate and market conditions, relations of farmers and business men, industrial data, etc. The social life and organizations of the community are covered in detail, together with other information to throw light on the state of the social mind.

The third link in the survey chain is the survey of each church in each community. This sets out the location, denomination, minister, date of organization, descriptive data as to buildings and equipment, membership, regular and special meetings and tabulated results therefrom, statistics as to area covered by the parish, number of families reached, parish problems and other data to give a comprehensive vision of the parish, and supplemented by information as to the program of work outlined for the church by the pastor and the official boards. The triple surveys—county, community and church—assemble all information that may be needed to aid the individual churches and denominations in working out their present problems and future programs of development, so that wasted effort may be eliminated and unproductive activities of each denomination may be transferred to productive fields.

The need of such a systematic study of church conditions is apparent by the results of investigation already made in some sections of the South, if the churches are to accomplish the greatest possible amount of good. The conditions found to exist in some quarters are rather startling. In one county in the South, for instance, there are 44 churches, of which 14 are dead and only 16 of which maintain Sunday schools.

J. D. JOHNSON OF ROSEMARY DEAD

No One Knows Where He Came From to Rosemary, Nor Anything About His People—He Leaves \$3,500 in Cash and House at Rosemary.

Mr. J. D. Johnson, aged about seventy years, died Wednesday at his boarding house at Rosemary, after an illness of several weeks, probably of asthma.

Mr. Johnson came to Rosemary about sixteen years ago, from where no one knows. No one had ever known whether he had any relatives living or not until a few days before he died. He told of a sister living in Pennsylvania the last time he heard from her—just how long this has been no one knows.

Undertaker Williams wired the mayor of the town mentioned by Mr. Johnson to try to locate his sister, but as yet has heard nothing.

Friends did what they could to relieve the sufferings of the sick man but as he did not believe in medicine or doctors there was very little could be done.

The deceased leaves an estate of about \$8,000.00 in real and personal property. This will be handled as required by the law unless some of his people can be located. Burial services will be conducted today at the local cemetery.

MRS. SARAH J. HOLT

The entire community was saddened Friday night to hear the sad news of the death of Mrs. Sarah J. Holt, wife of Mr. W. B. Holt, superintendent of Patterson Mills.

Mrs. Holt has been ill in a Richmond Hospital for several weeks and her death was not unexpected. The family left Saturday morning to attend the funeral which was held at her old home in Winder, Georgia.

NEW WORLD PROGRAM DEVISED BY CHURCHES

By S. EARL TAYLOR



DR. S. EARL TAYLOR, General Secretary Interchurch World Movement.

If Christ, on the day He was born, had started on a tour to preach in every village in India, He would still have 30,000 more to visit.

We now believe we have found a way by which the leaders of the Protestant churches can sit around a common table and have the Christian program of the entire world laid before them. By means of the Interchurch World Movement we can see where the Methodists are, and where the Baptists are. We can see the general outline of their forces, their present status in this great world struggle, and may also have some idea of the unoccupied places, and what may be done by all of us to enter these unoccupied parts of the world field which Christ sent us to occupy.

Simple Diet.

The late pope is said to have lived on a very simple diet, as simple as that of the poorest tradesman. In the morning he drank a cupful of coffee, at noon he took a little soup and meat and for supper vegetables and meat. His favorite food was the Italian national dish, polenta.

ROSEMARY PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Messrs. Davis and Spence of Norfolk Va. have purchased the Daniel garage in South Rosemary. We learn they are expert automobile men. They say, it will be around 10 days before they can get ready for business.

Mrs. Lee Cooper, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Cooper at the Shelton Hotel.

Mr. Wm. Teiser, of Raleigh, spent Wednesday in Rosemary.

Mr. T. H. Williamson, of Goldsboro, was here Wednesday.

Mr. Ley, of Honeoye Falls, N. Y., spent several days in Rosemary this week.

Rev. A. G. Carter left yesterday afternoon to attend a church meeting at Sharpsburg.

Mrs. A. G. Carter left yesterday to visit relatives in Rocky Mount.

Mr. John L. Patterson, of Richmond, spent Wednesday and Thursday in Rosemary.

Mr. R. E. Gill, of Fredericksburg, Va., spent Wednesday in town.

Mr. W. H. Boydton, of Hampton, Va., was here Wednesday.

Mr. Earl M. Stauffacker, aviator, who was injured by being struck by the propeller of his aeroplane near Rosemary, a few weeks ago, has sufficiently recovered to be able to travel. He left Thursday afternoon for a visit to his relatives in Ackley, Iowa. Mr. Stauffacker made many friends while here who regret his departure.

The World at Columbus, Ohio, and glimpse of Pageant which was given at Columbus, will be shown at the Rosemary Theatre next Thursday night, March 4th.

Thirtieth Division Leads in Medals of Honor

In an official table of figures corrected to February 6, 1920 prepared by the statistical branch of the General Staff, War Department the 30th Division leads all other divisions of the A. E. F. in the number of Medals of Honor awarded. This number is twelve, while the 89th Division comes next with nine. The Second Division leads in the total number of awards, 693. This includes Distinguished Service Crosses and Oak Leaf Clusters as well as the Congressional Medal of Honor, but does not include foreign decorations. The First Division takes second place with 420 decorations from the hands of the American Government and the thirtieth Division takes fourth place with 319. The 27th Division which was the fighting mate of the 30th gets 139. Of the large number of awards of the second Division 385 went to Marines and Naval personnel serving with the Division. Of all the awards made by the Army 39 per cent were made to officers and 61 per cent to enlisted men. In a great many cases the recommendation was made for an enlisted man and before the award was made he had risen from the ranks and joined the commissioned personnel.

POWELLVILLE ITEMS

Miss Iola Gray entertained in a very surprising affair in honor of her 19th birthday last Friday evening at eight. The list of guest included some of our well known citizens in this community. Mr. G. W. Myrick, of Roanoke Rapids, Mr. P. W. King, Mr. Jerry Hockaday and Miss Hockaday, of South Rosemary, Misses Medlin, Harrison, Snipes, Bettie Shell, Lottie Hudson, Lula and Annie Bell Gray, Mr. Eugene Etheridge, Mr. Bryant, of Rosemary, Bryant Gray, and Mr. Shell. We wish for her much success in the future.